

BOARD MEMO

Date: May 22 , 2020

For ACTION

For INFORMATION

Board Agenda: Yes

No

FROM: Mr. Kurt Huffman, Director of School, Business and Community Partnerships
Dr. Alicia Hart, Director of Educational Facilities

THROUGH: Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

TO: The Honorable Cindy Anderson, Chair, and
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

TOPIC: Recommendation for Approval of Community Donation

ACPS 2020 STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL:

Goal 1: Academic Excellence and Educational Equity

Goal 2: Family and Community Engagement

Goal 4: Facilities and the Learning Environment

2019-2020 FOCUS AREA:

Focus Area 1: Educational Equity

FY 2020 BUDGET PRIORITY:

Optimal and equitable learning environments

SUMMARY:

On May 13, 2020, Alexandria City Public Schools received a financial donation of \$9,000.00 from the George Washington Middle School PTA for landscaping and restoration of the outdoor learning space at George Washington Middle School. In accordance with ACPS Policy KH and Regulation KH-R, any donation over \$2,500 requires School Board approval. The donation must meet the established standards of acceptance requirements. Those standards and the appropriate responses are detailed below:

ACPS Donation Standards of Acceptance

1. Have a purpose consistent with the goals of ACPS;

The donation will support the well-being of students and staff at George Washington Middle School by providing a restored outdoor space that can be used for learning, instruction and other educational purposes. This donation aligns with ACPS 2020 Strategic Goal 1, 2 and 4.

2. Impose no undesirable, unacceptable, or hidden costs in terms of resources to ACPS;

The donation has no identified undesirable, unacceptable, or hidden costs. It will serve all students, staff and community of George Washington Middle School.

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3. Place no unacceptable conditions or restrictions on the school division or its educational or extracurricular programs;

This donation will place no unacceptable conditions or restrictions on the school division or its educational or extracurricular programs.

4. Not assume that the School Board will accept responsibility for continuing the benefit of or program supported by the donation if or when the funds are exhausted;

ACPS Operations Department will continue to provide a level of landscape maintenance required for this outdoor learning space. Any landscaping requests outside of the scope of the landscape contract will be the responsibility of the PTA. It is assumed that the ACPS School Board will not have any further action or responsibility related to this donation.

5. Meet any applicable federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations, Board policies, regulations or guidelines associated with its construction or use; and meet any applicable safety standards.

This donation meets all local laws and regulations, as well as all School Board policies, regulations and guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

On December 6, 2019, a community member of Alexandria City Public Schools submitted a Community Funded Facilities Request Form for George Washington Middle School regarding the restoration of the outdoor learning space. To help support that Community Funded Facilities Request, the GWMS PTA donated \$9000.00. The ACPS Operations Department will work through the next steps needed to restore the outdoor learning space.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends that the School Board accept the donation to ACPS in the amount of \$9,000.00.

IMPACT:

This donation will restore the outdoor learning space for students, staff and the community of George Washington Middle School.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Policy KH
2. Regulation KH-R

REFERENCE:

[May 15, 2020 Board Brief--Approval of Community Donation](#)

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